

# De Gull Wing

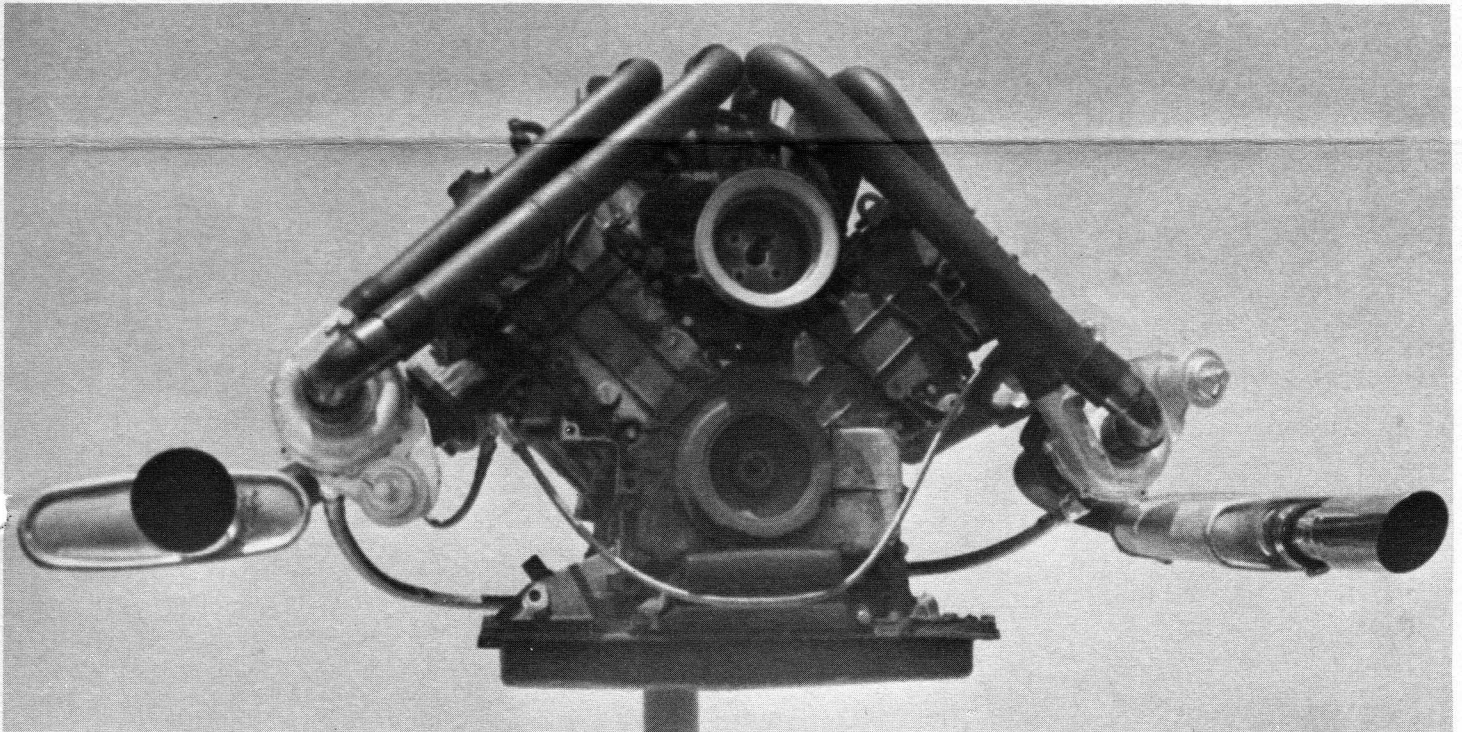
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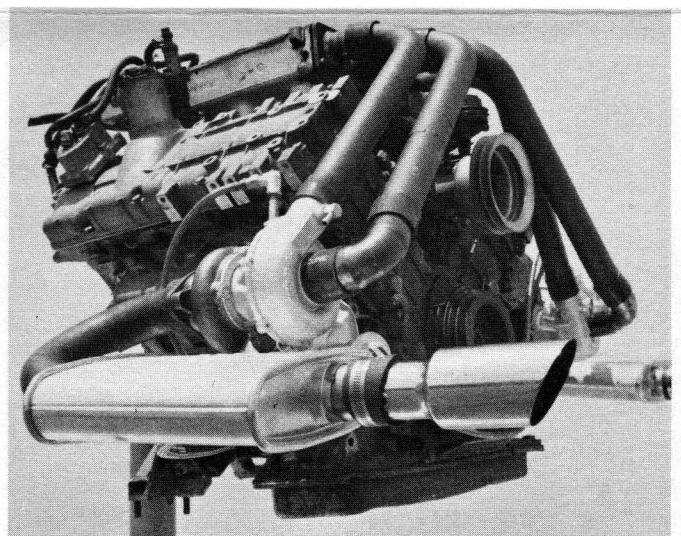
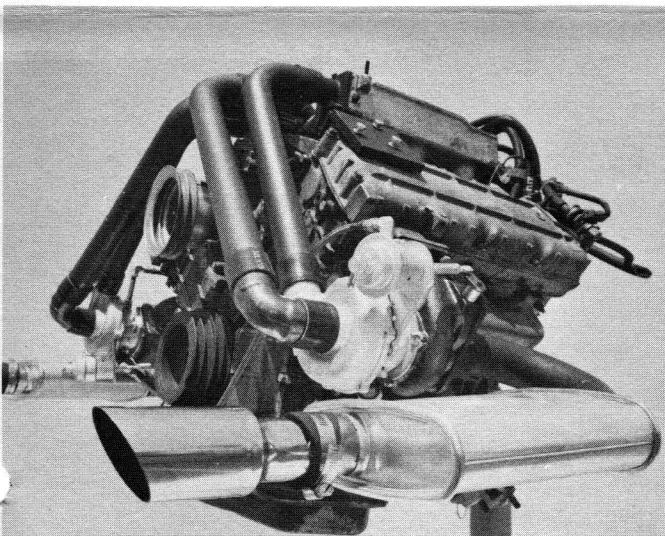
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## LAST COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE



**TWIN TURBO . . . YOUR DELOREAN**



**MEMBERSHIP MAKES THE DIFFERENCE! COME JOIN US!**

# DELOREAN MOTOR CLUB OF AMERICA

Presents

## 1st Annual DeLorean Palm Desert Weekend August 20,21,22, 1982

**W**e would like to extend to you a personal invitation to join us on our first annual action-packed, DeLorean oriented, weekend to the understated elegance of Palm Desert, playground of presidents and the centerpiece of California's Desert Oasis of the Stars. Our "home" for 3 days and 2 nights will be the luxurious Palm Desert Resort Country Club. Every couple will have their own private 1 bedroom suite resort villa, complete with

fully equipped kitchen and living room. A friendly sociable atmosphere among the group is always the key to a successful event and our welcoming post-Gymkhana brunch and awards parties will contribute greatly. Our Las Vegas fun night is guaranteed to be one of the highlights and guess who will be the guest speaker on DeLorean Motor Company?

We are very enthusiastic about our Palm Desert weekend and know we'll have a

very affable and interesting group. Don't miss the fun. Plan to be with us for a lifetime memory.

**Note:** Although events in the future will be for DMCA members only, this super weekend event is open to all prospective members, their families and friends of DeLorean owners, to promote goodwill and give insight to the camaraderie that exists between DeLorean owners. Send in the attached registration form today. ■

### President's Column

**JOHN DE LOREAN: "We're Tough & We're Here To Stay"**  
Friday, July 16, 1982

**A**fter speaking to John DeLorean today, I believe the plant in Dunmurry, Northern Ireland will be reopened and producing 1983 DeLoreans by the end of this year. Sir Kenneth Cork, one of two receivers appointed by the British government February 19th to oversee the financially troubled Northern Ireland plant, said the proposal was "the first sensible plan I have seen". He also said it was "constructive and shows a prospect of a good investment". Cork said the plant "may in the course of time" be back in full production.

Prior to the plant closure, May 31, 1982, DeLorean produced approximately a total of 8,500 — 1981 and 1982 automobiles. To date, approximately 4,500 have been retailed and the balance are in 340 different dealer's inventories, also at DeLorean's two quality assurance centers and at the plant in Dunmurry.

When the plant is reopened, production should be 4,000 to 6,000 units annually. Don Lander, former president of the Dunmurry facility, currently occupies the president's office in Irvine and conducts the day-to-day business of DeLorean's marketing efforts. Under Lander's direction and expertise and with John DeLorean's magic, DeLorean Motor Company, once again will be a viable automobile manufacturer. Bank on it! ■

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*There's a lot more to the DeLorean Motor Club of America than a bi-monthly magazine . . . but we need your assistance. If you are interested in forming a local chapter within your area or state please contact us. There are many DMCA members in every state that would appreciate your concern and leadership. Write to:*

**DMCA  
P.O. Box 944  
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### THE COVER

Twin turbos now available for your 5-speed DeLorean. Call (714) 847-9940.

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# LET'S GET TECHNICAL

## Steering Wheel Vibration and Brake Pedal Pulsation.

1. Balance for four wheels, electronic wheel balancer for static and dynamic balancing.
2. Rotors of more than .01 mm or .004 inch run out or thickness variation will give you brake pedal pulsation.
3. Machine all four rotors (specs in De Gull Wing May/June volume 1).
4. Replace front and rear brake pads. They could have hard spots.

## Freon Charge — Air Conditioning

De Lorean Motor Company recommends a freon charge of 2.2 lbs. instead of 2.75 lbs. The new specification was introduced with V.I.N. 4080.

## Parts Tip Of The Month

If your De Lorean dealer cannot supply you with an inertia switch, try your local Jaguar dealer. Eureka! The same switch. Part #1DAC 1761K

## Leaking Oil Pressure Switch? (driver's side of engine)

Try a Volvo oil pressure switch part # Volvo 1218028-7.

## Flasher Replacement

Heavy duty flasher unit, Part #Volvo 1259615-1. ■

## Painting Your Stainless Steel DeLorean

Much interest has been expressed in painting De Loreans. In an effort to assist our members we have located three major automotive paint suppliers that claim to have processes and products that enable the painting of stainless steel. Members are strongly advised to contact the local distributor or representative of the specific paint brand to be utilized before proceeding with any paint work. The road wheels have a color coating that is impregnated onto the surface as part of the heat treatment used to temper the alloy. With an epoxy clear coat applied over that, the adhesion of a different color coat will be difficult to achieve even with careful preparation. Front and rear facias may be refinished to match body colors applied to the stainless panels. Again, check the local paint rep.

### PPG Industries, Cleveland, Ohio (Ditzler Automotive Finishes)

1. Clean surface with DX330 WAX & GREASE REMOVER & Scotch-Brite Pads
2. Apply two full wet coat of DP40 EPOXY CHROMATE primer mixed with equal parts of DP401 PRIMER CATALYST. A flash time of 20-30 minutes between coats of primer is recommended.
3. Air dry two hours. Apply two or three double coat of DELTRON ACRYLIC URETHANE color catalyzed and reduced per label instructions.
4. If desired clear coat using DAU82 DELGLO ACRYLIC URETHANE CLEAR.

### Sherwin-Williams Company

1. Detergent wash with QUICK SLICK W4 K290
2. Solvent wipe with SHER-WILL-CLEAN R7 K 156
3. 2 coats of WASH PRIMER, E2 G973, per instructions.
4. Apply 2 or more coats of ULTRA FILL PRIMER SURFACER.
5. Top coat with acrylic lacquer.

### Dupont — WARNING! CAUSTIC CHEMICALS. FLAMMABLE.

1. Clean — 3812-S Enamel Reducer
2. WASH — 5717-S Metal Conditioner (Safety)
3. Treat — 224-S Steel Conversion Coating (Safety)
4. Primer — 824-S Light Gray Corlar Epoxy Primer (Safety)
5. PAINT — Imron Polyurethane Enamel (Safety)
6. Clear Coat — 500-S Imron Clear

Painted De Loreans do look terrific, but remember all information and recommendations are based on data we believe to be reliable. However, it is understood such information and recommendations are implemented and used by persons at their own discretion and risk. ■

## New Adjustable Clutch Linkage

New product from DMCA.

Currently you have no means for clutch adjustment. You may have had the problem of hard to select gears when the engine is hot. The new clutch adjustable linkage will help cure this problem. Clutch linkage with installation instructions — \$16.00

## Canadian Brake Pads = less dust

De Lorean brake pads have a lifespan of 8,000 — 10,000 miles. DMCA has brake pads that will last longer with less dusting. (Did you buy dust covers?) A complete set of De Lorean brake pads retail for approximately \$100.00. A complete set of DMCA brake pads are offered at a club membership price of \$46.00, a complete set for 4 wheels or \$25.00 front and \$25.00 rear. ■

### DMCA Order Form

	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjustable Clutch Link	_____	\$16.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brake Pads Complete Set	_____	46.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brake pads R.G.P. 97 REAR	_____	25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brake pads R.G.P. 174 FRONT	_____	25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> California tax 6% (California only)	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Postage and handling	_____	_____	5.00
Immediate delivery	_____	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____

MAIL TO: DMCA, P.O. Box 944, Westminster 92683

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# LETTERS TO De EDITOR

"You should start a column asking owners to contribute dealing with problems and their solutions."

**Robert Gery / Connecticut**

So we shall. DeEditor.

"Please send info on the Las Vegas trip. Thanks."

**Tom Paslay / Colorado (and many more)**

See enclosed registration form. We're ready! Are you? DeEditor.

"I look forward to joining DMCA . . . good luck with your undertaking."

**Skip Kovinsky / Ontario, Canada**

"Thank you for putting in the time, money, and effort necessary to start this club and the newsletter."

**Sue Burklund / Missouri**

"Cruise control . . . our dealer doesn't have it yet . . . De Lorean does not have any information. What gives? Is it just in California?"

**Blanche Higgins / Florida**

Our cruise control will be available only through De Lorean Motor Club by August 1st. De Editor.

"As we are all interested — what happens if DMC shuts down? What about parts?"

**Joseph B. / California**

With the financial strains of the company lightened, parts should become readily available by the end of summer. De Ed

"Do you know about painting the De Lorean?"

**William Bunevick / Massachusetts**

See this issue of De Gull Wing.

Our best regards to Joyce Slachter in Florida and warm wishes for a speedy recovery to husband, Leo.

"Three weeks after purchase of my De Lorean, the car would not start. I requested a price to be towed to the shop and was shocked at the \$50 estimate. Per the drawing and information in De Gull Wing I jumped the inertia switch. The car started immediately and I was able to drive it back to the dealer where they have ordered a new switch. I am including my membership check for \$35.00 and feel that I am now still \$15.00 ahead due to the knowledge you imparted to me. Once again, thank you!"

**Sidney B. Lang / Florida**

" . . . your De Gull Wing newsletter just saved me my third \$30.00 tow fee. We now wire to bypass the switch since none are available. I realize I am going to need all the help I can get to keep my car running and besides I'm \$\$'s ahead!"

**Nora Bilic / California**

"Thanks for a job well done."

**Gary McLean / Washington**

And a thank you to all the many members who took the time to write (over 125 at last count). Your thoughts are appreciated. Ed.

A very special **Thank you** goes to Bert J. Varady, Captain/USAF/Texas, for compiling the most comprehensive list of articles we've ever seen developed on De Lorean, The Man . . . The Company and The Car.

Bert sent us enough information and ideas to fill two complete newsletters. We look forward to his continued input and hope to see him and his wife, Diane at our 1st Annual Las Vegas National Meeting, September 23rd-26th, 1982. With his permission, we will have his information as well as others in folder form available for all attending members. Again, and I speak for the more than 1100 members of DMCA, many thanks for your efforts and ability devoted toward the development of DMCA.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

### FREE TO DMCA MEMBERS — No Commercial Advertisers

De Gull Wing will publish two short (40 words or less) free classified advertisements for members in a calendar year. Additional ads and those ads placed by non-members must be accompanied by \$50 each. Ads in excess of 40 words will be subject to editing. Include membership number and complete name and address with your ad. Mail to: ADS—DMCA, P.O. Box 944, Westminster, CA 92683.

For display advertising rates call Monday or Wednesday only, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at (714) 847-9940. Collect calls will not be accepted.

FOR SALE: Highly competitive rear engine CED dragster with SEMA chassis, quick-change rear. 309 Lingenfelter Chev, and all the hi-dollar pieces plus spare short block. Make offer. Le Kieley, Grafton, N. Dak. 58237, (701) 352-0261.

FOR SALE: 1981 De Lorean, 5-speed, Black Leather, Serial #788 (228th Production Car). In excellent condition, under 4000 miles, \$27,000.00. (503) 686-1756 Evenings.

INSIDE DOOR (drivers side) PANEL NEEDED for 1975 Bricklin. Please call (714) 847-9940 anytime. Thanks.

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